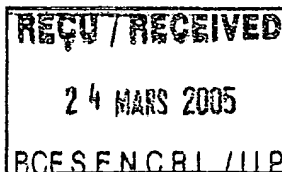


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Applicant's or agent's file reference 08400-038	FOR FURTHER ACTION	see Form PCT/ISA/220 as well as, where applicable, item 5 below
International application No. PCT/CA2004/001970	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 15 novembre 2004 (15-11-2004)	Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 13 novembre 2003 (13-11-2003)
Applicant CENTRE HOSPITALIER DE L'UNIVERSITE DE MONTREAL (CHUM) ET AL		

This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

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1. **Basis of the report**

a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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b. ☐ With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (see Box No. II).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box No. III).

4. With regard to the **title**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows :

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

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6. With regard to the **drawings**,

a. the figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 19

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b. ☐ none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC7: G06T-5/00 G06T-7/00 A61B-8/00

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

G06T-5/00, G06T-7/00, A61B-8/00 in combination with keywords

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Electronic database(s) consulted during the international search (name of database(s) and, where practicable, search terms used)

Canadian Patents database, USPTO WEST, Questel-Orbit (Pluspat), IEEE Xplore, Google Scholar (search terms: image, fast marching model, blood, vessel)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No(s).
X	Handbook of Medical Imaging, Vol.2: Medical Image Processing and Analysis, Milan Sonka and J. Michael Fitzpatrick Editors, SPIE Press vol. PM80 June 2000 (1,108 pages). Chapter 3: "Image Segmentation Using Deformable Models", Chenyang Xu, Dzung L. Pham, Jerry L. Prince, pages 129-174. also available at: http://www.control.auc.dk/~mpko00/literature/modelling/xu00image.pdf	1-39
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A	WO 03/041584, Suri Jasjit S. et al., A61B-6/00, May 22, 2003 abstract and page 37, lines 16-17.	1,22,30,32,33

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